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The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Re: *South Carolinians for Responsible Agricultural Practices v. South Carolina  
Department of Environmental Services, et al.*  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000294

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter is in response to the Court's correspondence regarding the proposed scheduling the of oral arguments in the above-referenced case for June 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, 2026. Counsel is unavailable on the following dates: June 9, 10, and 11. On June 8, 2026, counsel is scheduled to drive to Los Angeles to pick up his daughter, who is a student at UCLA. Accordingly, counsel respectfully requests that oral argument not be scheduled during that time period.

Thank you for your assistance with and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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